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**CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH
TO NEW ATTORNEYS**

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside and administer the attorney's oath to 59 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in ceremonies in Moline on Thursday, November 4.

The new group of lawyers are among 2,225 men and women statewide who were certified as candidates, and are to be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Moline program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11:15 a.m. in Conference Room ABC of I-Wireless Center, located at 1201 River Drive in Moline.

In his first swearing-in ceremony as Chief, Chief Justice Kilbride will welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Members of the Third Judicial District Appellate Court who will be in attendance include: Presiding Judge William E. Holdridge; Judges Robert L. Carter; Tom M. Lytton; Mary W. McDade; Mary K. O'Brien; Daniel L. Schmidt and Vicki Wright.

Attorney George F. Mahoney III will be the keynote speaker. John G. Locallo, president-elect of the Illinois State Bar Association, will give remarks.

LaSalle attorney John Balestri will make the motion to admit the class. His son, Nicholas, is a member of the class.

Peoria attorney Richard Steagall will second the motion to admit the class. His nephew, Ryan McCracken, is a member of the class.

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A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination and an ethics examination, and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys to approximately 89,500.

The Third Judicial District is comprised of 21 Illinois counties straddling Interstate 80 from Indiana to Iowa. Those counties are: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Tazewell, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

Ceremonies in the other judicial districts will be held in Chicago, Carbondale, Springfield, and Elgin.

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